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## Weber imposes UNO hiring freeze

BY HEIDI JEANNE HESS

Spring is just around the corner and warmer weather is on the way. But not for UNO.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber imposed a hiring freeze on the university effective Thursday. The freeze means UNO will not hire people to fill positions which are now open, nor will it fill positions which are vacated after the freeze was imposed.

"What it does not mean is we don't need those slots and it does not mean those jobs will be eliminated," Weber said.

The freeze was put into effect because of the proposed shortfalls in the university budget.

Originally, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents requested a 13 percent increase of the 1991-92 fiscal year and 12.1 percent for the 1992-93 year.

Gov. Ben Nelson trimmed his recommendation to a 1.9 percent increase for next year and 5.6 percent for 1992-93.

The Legislature Appropriations Committee's preliminary budget proposal was cut to a 0.8 percent increase for next year and 5.8 percent for the following year.

According to Regent Chairman Don Blank, much of the proposed increase was to cover an increase in faculty salaries.

UNO and Kearney State College, which will join the NU system in July, negotiated pay increases of 6.5 percent for the next two fiscal years for the faculty at UNO and an 8.5 percent increase per year for Kearney faculty.

The regents announced it ratified the negotiations of UNO and Kearney on Saturday.

Blank said the regents realize the salaries in the agreement exceed the amount of money

proposed by the Gov. Nelson and the Appropriations Committee. But he added, "Under Nebraska law, those are not factors the board may consider when negotiating in good faith with the bargaining units."

"We are bound by the results of the negotiations," Blank said.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center do not negotiate pay increases through a union. Those pay increases are based on the average salaries of their peer institutions.

Weber said the budget problems UNO will face are the worst he has seen "by a factor of two or three, probably closer to a factor of five. We are talking about something that is far more dramatic than we went through during the early

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— Ed CARLSON

A member of UNO's maintenance staff driving a four-wheel-drive vehicle across campus. And yes, he's wearing his helmet. "When one wears the helmet, the window opening is too small to stick your head out to look behind you," said Jim Veiga, manager of Grounds and Environment at UNO.

## Relief of helmet headaches possible

BY HEIDI JEANNE HESS

An amendment to a motor cycle helmet bill in the Legislature may relieve some headaches for UNO employees who operate the three-wheeled Cushman vehicles.

According to Jim Veiga, manager of Grounds and Environmental Services at UNO, the state's current motorcycle helmet law requires some of his employees to not only wear helmets when operating the Cushmans but to also maintain a current motorcycle operators license.

Veiga said UNO uses the three-wheeled Cushmans to carry tools and supplies around campus. The vehicles are small enough to drive on the sidewalks and between buildings where a full-sized vehicle would not fit.

UNO also uses a four-wheeled turf vehicle which goes across grass, he said.

Veiga said the vehicles, in addition to transportation of persons and material, are also used to spread chemicals, such as de-icer, on the

sidewalks and lawns.

Legislative Bill 252, introduced by Sens. Scott Moore, Richard Peterson, Jennie Robak and others, would change the state's motorcycle helmet law to require only those 19-years-old and younger to wear a helmet.

"We are trying to have the bill amended to exempt the three-wheeled vehicles (Cushmans)," Veiga said.

Legislative Bill 628, which was killed in committee, specifically stated an exemption from the protective helmet requirements for Cushman operators.

Veiga said much of the problem is caused by the fact that the state department of transportation defines the 1.6 miles of paved road which encircles the campus a public roadway because of the 25 miles per hour speed limit.

Although University Drive is defined as a public road, Veiga says "due to the nature of class schedules and the amount of parking, vehicle traffic is not pursuing the speed limit."

He said regardless of how heavy the flow of traffic, his employees are well aware of the traffic patterns and adjust accordingly to get to a destination without being part of the congestion.

However, because of the bill and standards for employment at the university, an employee who cannot pass the motorcycle licensing exam can be terminated from a job which does not require them to operate a motorcycle.

"What's important for this operation is having a dependable employee show up during a six to 12 inch snow storm in the middle of the night," he said. It is not important they know how to operate a vehicle they do not use in performing their duties on campus.

According to Veiga, the Cushman vehicles were purchased to replace "gas guzzling trucks and vans that our employees used to perform their daily work with."

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# National Briefs

## Another study says collegians are 'just saying no' more

(CPS) — Yet another school has offered evidence that college students nationwide are cleaning up their acts.

On Feb. 20, University of Cincinnati officials released a poll indicating that today's collegians now feel less peer pressure than their predecessors to drink alcohol and use drugs.

The announcement comes on the heels of two other reports on drug use with similar conclusions.

A Feb. 6 study by Rodney Skager, a professor at the University of California-Los Angeles, declared that drug and alcohol use declined slightly last year among schoolkids in California.

Just 13 days earlier, an annual survey by the National Institutes of Health and the University of Michigan found that the number of college and high school students using illicit drugs dropped sharply in 1990.

The Cincinnati survey compared current student attitudes with those of students in 1987.

"The most marked differences were found in student attitudes toward drugs," the report stated. "For instance, in 1987, 28 percent of the surveyed students believed that the campus setting and student culture encouraged the use of drugs."

Since then, politicians have declared "war" on drugs. In 1990, the study found, only 1 percent thought the campus setting and student culture encouraged drug use.

"Students are deciding not to use or experiment with drugs and there is less peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol," said Tom Hadley, assistant vice provost of student affairs.

Hadley attributed the decline to a variety of things, including assertive educational programs

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about the dangers of substance abuse and the raising of the legal drinking age.

"Students are getting the message from pop culture, their schools, their churches and other institutions. They've seen drugs destroy family members or peers," he said.

The new poll showed that 49 percent considered drug testing an appropriate step to prevent drug abuse in the workplace, up from 44 percent in 1987.

## Yale's 'secret' Skull and Bones club may now admit women

(CPS) — Less than a month after college women finally won membership in a male-only Princeton club, Yale University's "secret" Skull and Bones club said it might also let women in. In late February members of Skull and Bones,

a 150-year-old club that counts President George Bush among its members, were urged to voice their opinions about letting women join their "society" at a series of meetings around the country. The group's board of directors will vote on the issue in April.

Such men-only Ivy League clubs have long been a cornerstone of the "old boys' networks" that provide students with terrific corporate contacts and opportunities long after graduation.

"As long as the issue remains unresolved, the uncertainty will become increasingly detrimental to our organization," Muhammad A. Saleh, president of the Russell Trust Association, the name under which Skull and Bones is incorporated, wrote to the society's alumni.

In early February, the Tiger Inn, the last of Princeton University's all-male "eating clubs," initiated 27 women, about half the number who sought admission.

But the Tiger Inn opened its doors only after the U.S. Supreme Court in January refused to hear its appeal of a New Jersey decision that it was violating anti-discrimination regulations.

The battle began in 1979 when Sally Frank, then a Princeton undergrad, applied for admission to several male-only clubs. When she was turned down, she filed a state discrimination complaint.

By the time the case hit the New Jersey Supreme Court, Frank was a lawyer and helped argue her own case.

Yale's Skull and Bones, surrounded by legends of arcane rituals and fanatical secrecy since its founding in 1832, is one of only two secret societies at Yale that have not moved to admit women since the university went coeducational in 1970. The other is Wolf's Head.

Fifteen Yale juniors are tapped each year for membership in Skull and Bones. Initiates must make a pledge of secrecy and bare their souls in a rite designed to build lifelong bonds.

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# Local Briefs

## Irish voices were singing to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Irish singers Beyond the Pale performed Friday in the Milo Bail Student Center in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The event was sponsored by the Student Programming Organization (SPO).

Amy Bellows, advisor of student organizations, said the concert was sponsored through SPO's special events committee. "They sing contemporary Irish folk songs," Bellows said. "They're a great group."

According to Bellows, the group drew up to 200 people during the performance.

SPO will sponsor a band called the Exotic Birds Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The event is free to students.

## Learning intercultural skills focus of two-day seminar

A seminar for those who have trouble dealing, either on a personal or business level, with individuals who are not part of mainstream American culture, can attend "Intercultural Skills," a two-day, non-credit seminar.

The seminar, sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies, will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 4 and 5, at UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam St.

Sally Ware, program coordinator for UNO's Program for International Professional Development, will teach the seminar.

For more information or to register, call UNO's College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

## How to host the perfect party topic at Joslyn benefit

Noted speaker, author and child-care advocate Elinor Guggenheimer will discuss her successes and mishaps with entertaining at a luncheon and reception on April 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Storz Foundation Court of Joslyn Art Museum.

Guggenheimer, a member of one of New York City's most prominent families, will talk about her new book, "The Pleasure of Your Company," with tips on hosting the perfect party.



—Ed CARLSON

Beyond the Pale, an Irish singing group, performed at UNO last Friday in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The members are, from left, Karen Coover, Jill Anderson and Brendan Kelly. Beyond the Pale has performed at the Dubliner Pub in downtown Omaha.

The cost of the benefit, sponsored by the Joslyn Women's Association of Council Bluffs, is \$30 per person.

## Civil Rights photographer Charles Moore to visit ISU

Charles Moore, whose historical photographs of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement were considered a catalyst in the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, will visit Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames, Iowa on April 2 and 3.

Moore's photos have been collected in the recently published

book, "Powerful Days: The Civil Rights Photographs of Charles Moore."

Moore will give a public lecture on April 2 at 7:30 p.m., and his work will be on display in the Scheman Building.

Moore also will conduct a workshop with student photographers from ISU and other area colleges.

## Graduation deadline

March 22 is the last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred on May 11. Students planning on graduating after this semester should contact the Registrar's Office.

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# More info in U.S., Russian-born professor says

By KIM HANSEN

Alex Holloway sat in a comfortable chair, smoking a cigarette and minding his own business. People were relaxing in the plant-filled lounge at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). A man approached him and asked if he knew where the restroom was.

"What's wrong with this place?" Holloway said. The man looked at him and walked away.

And so it goes for UNO's Russian-born assistant professor of physics. The MIT incident is only an example of the differences in culture and language faced by foreigners.

Alex Holloway was born Aleksey Lusnikov. He spent 10 years studying at Moscow State University where he earned a Ph.D. in applied physics.

Higher education is a different ball game in Russia, he said. While working toward his degree, Holloway had to take three major exams and complete three years of research.

Life on the university gave Holloway the advantage of access to more information. The general population wasn't able to obtain some books, such as those by Andre Sakarov or Ernest Hemingway.

"KGB and party people love to read those things, but they'd never admit it," he said.

At the university, Holloway became involved in dissident activity. In 1981, one of Holloway's friends told him about Amnesty International, and he became interested in the idea of helping prisoners of conscience.

Although Russia's secret authorities saw the group as a threat, he joined anyway. He said it was "supposedly my big mistake because I should have thought about the consequences."

Pressure from the authorities didn't lead Holloway to leave the group — but internal struggling did. Soon, however, he was back in the middle of political dissidence when he joined the Moscow Group for Trust.

The Trust asked him to join and teach the group how to fight communism with Zen Buddhism, a religion Holloway was teaching himself.

Holloway joined the group and eventually became a leader in the organization. There was no love lost between the Trust and the communist party. The KGB put pressure on the group, trying to break it up.

At one of the several demonstrations he participated in, Holloway was arrested by the KGB and told he had a choice — either get out of the country or go to prison. He decided to get out of the country, "which was wise," he said.

He left the Soviet Union in 1983 and became a permanent resident of the United States in 1986. He married UNO student Diana Holloway last October and took her name.

"She donated me her name," he said.

Leading life the "hollow way" is a major aspect of Zen Buddhism, so he said taking his wife's name was the natural thing to do.



—ED CARLSON


Alex Holloway, a UNO assistant physics professor and native Russian, spoke at the Milo Ball Student Center last Friday as part of the Last Lecture Series. Holloway said cultural differences between the U.S. and other countries make it hard for some foreign-born people to adjust to life in this country.

"So it was a coincidence," his new last name and part of his philosophy of life melded so perfectly, he said.

Holloway has recently applied for a patent on an idea that could eventually change the face of the world. He has been working in the field of superconductivity, which dramatically lowers the amount of electricity lost in the wires as it is being

transferred from place to place.

Holloway said he still hasn't adjusted to the amount of information Americans receive and the vast choices available. Even everyday conveniences such as cable presents choices. Holloway said Russian television was OK, but "it was so extremely boring, you didn't want to watch it."



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**"Doctors and nurses can't do it all,"** said Reba Benschoter, associate dean of the School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Benschoter said as technology has increased, the need for health care professionals to aid doctors and nurses in their care of patients has also increased.

So for the next five weeks, the **Gateway** will look at each of the 10 allied health programs offered at UNMC.

## Wanted: Health Pros

Not everyone who graduates from the University of Nebraska Medical Center is a doctor or a nurse.

Allied health professionals are professional, technical and supportive staff who work with physicians, nurses and others to deliver health care.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has been in operation within the University of Nebraska system since 1902 and has officially offered 10 different programs in allied health since 1972.

According to Reba Benschoter, associate dean of UNMC's School of Allied Health Professions, "doctors and nurses can't do it all. Technology has come in and health care has become more complex. More support is needed in health care."

This is where allied health professions come in.

"There are 222 allied health professions," Benschoter said.

Of the 20 major professions, the Medical Center offers 10 of them in its curriculum.

She said the late 1930s marked the first of the medical technologists, including X-ray technologists or radiologists.

Benschoter said that the '60s and '70s were a time of growing technology that was incorporated into the medical field.

"There were also a larger number of federal dollars to build" at that time, she said.

According to a report prepared by Benschoter in 1989, there were 3.5 million allied health professionals in the United States, making up more than 60 percent of the health care work force.

The report indicated that there is an acute shortage of these medical professionals in Nebraska and the United States as a whole and these shortages will continue past the year 2000.

Just as her report indicated in 1989, Benschoter said, "there are terrible shortages in the area of allied health manpower. And it's predicted to get worse."

She said the job opportunities as a medical professional in this area are tremendous and it is a

good market to get into.

Benschoter said the allied health professions will appeal to students interested in a medical career who don't want to spend the years in school needed to become a doctor or a nurse.

Most bachelor's degrees in allied health require a minimum of four to five years of study.

"We want to make UNO students aware of these programs," she said. "I'm really anxious that students know the options available."

— Next week —

- Biomedical Communications
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— Reba Benschoter

## Opportunities

The School of Allied Health Professions offers the education needed for the following 10 health care career opportunities:

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- Radiation Sciences Technology
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- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Radiography (X-ray)
- Radiation Therapy Technology
- Clinical Perfusion

## Pharmacist role has changed in past years

By D.J. STILES

When most people think of a pharmacist they think of a man or a woman dressed in a white lab coat who fills the prescription a doctor prescribed.

According to Jon Wagner, assistant dean of student and professional affairs for the College of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, that stereotypical role has changed in past years.

"In the '50s, '60s and '70s the predominate role of the pharmacist was to count the pills, type the label and dispense that prescription to the patient," Wagner said. "With the explosion of the number of drugs and the information about drugs, the role of the pharmacist has become more of an information specialist."

He said that the physician alone can't be responsible to know everything.

"I've been out of school for 10 years now, and I haven't touched drugs," Wagner said with a chuckle.

He said most of the positions qualified pharmacists fill today provide a knowledge of drugs to the community and how those drugs should be used.

According to Wagner the role of a pharmacist is not the only thing that has changed at the Medical Center in recent years.

"The essential change was in 1974-75, where we went from what was considered a five-year B.S. program to the PharmD

program," he said.

The five year bachelor's degree program, Wagner said, consisted of two years of "pre-pharmacy" or college level courses and three years at the College of Pharmacy, which were on a quarterly semester system.

He said that the PharmD program is essentially a six-year program, giving the faculty and students the summer off.

"In 1976 we were the only non-California university to use the PharmD program," he said. "We were only the third U.S. school to initiate the program."

"The way the curriculum is set up each year segues into the next," he said. "The first year are some very basic health sciences, team taught with the medical students and the allied health students so they get to know each other in that first year."

The second year introduces some of the pharmaceutical sciences, Wagner said, with the third year taking that basic science information and translating it into practical information.

The fourth year includes what he believed to be 10 different required clerkships.

"A clerkship is a four-week experiential rotation," Wagner said. "The student is primarily responsible for monitoring the patients on that service," with professional supervision.

He said some students may spend four weeks at a rural community pharmacy, filling prescriptions, advising patients on over-the-counter medicine.

"Each clerkship is definitely different," he said. "The variety of the clerkships tries to parallel what's available in terms of employment opportunities once the student graduates."

Wagner said there is a "core requirement" of clerkships, but it still allows the student a lot of flexibility in elective clerkships.

"There are so many opportunities for pharmacists, it's virtually impossible for us to design a clerkship for every one," he said.

According to Wagner the current enrollment of the College of Pharmacy is a little more than 200 students. For the last four years, the class size has fluctuated around 50.

"There are plans to increase the class size with the next fall admission to 60," he said. "Application has gone sky high. We're probably one of the most difficult schools on this campus to get into."

Wagner said that there is a regional, as well as a nationwide, shortage of pharmacists.

"Here in this region it probably has to do more with maldistribution and the geography of the state," he said.

With Omaha and Lincoln on the eastern part of the state everybody wants to stay there, where the job opportunities are, he said.

"I think it's very difficult in terms of salaries as well as opportunities for some of the rural sites to compete," Wagner said.



# It's not pingpong!

*Table tennis draws a crowd in Wisner, Neb., the 'undisputed table tennis capital of the United States'*

By KEN WURDEMAN

**L**eroy Petersen arrives at the Wisner City Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on this Wednesday night and quickly begins setting up the 10 green tables that will be used for tonight's competition.

A few minutes later, Walene Heermann shows up to put the finishing touches on Petersen's work before the building is invaded by 43 Wisner-area school children intent on mastering the game of table tennis.

Wisner, population 1,334, is the Table Tennis Capital of the United States.

No one really questions the designation. It's sort of understood. Just as it's understood that, on Wednesday nights in this northeast Nebraska town, it's time for table tennis.

Table tennis, not pingpong. Say pingpong around Wisner and you risk being run out of town on a rail. Pingpong is what you and I play in a basement. Table tennis is what they play in Wisner.

Table tennis, Wisner-style, is played on \$55 tables with \$30 nets and \$80 paddles. A table tennis ball, hit by a top player, can travel at speeds of up to 100 mph while rotating 300 times in one second.

The leaders of these Wednesday night sessions are the Gang

of Four: Petersen, Heermann, John O'Neal and Don Ehrisman. They are the masters. The elite. The idols. Between them they have more than 80 years of table tennis experience and boxes of medals and trophies to show for their efforts.

"Seventeen-to-three," Heermann announces in a tired voice as he referees a match between two particularly young and inexperienced players.

(Ping. Pong. Ping. Pong.)

"How's it going Wallene?" Petersen asks in a jolly voice as he approaches the table. "Boy, we got a slug of kids tonight, don't we?"

"Sure do," Heermann says, momentarily taking his eyes off the table.

"Here, hold your paddle like this," Petersen says as he interrupts the match to demonstrate the proper grip to the young boy stuck on three points. "That's it. Now your balls won't go so high in the air."

(Ping. Pong. Ping. Pong.)

They will work with the young recruits for the next hour before the tables are taken over by the adults.

At 59, Petersen is still an imposing figure. Broad-shouldered and lean, like the cattle he feeds on his farm south of Wisner, he stands 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 210 pounds. Petersen is the kind of guy you would want on your side during a fight.

He has coached and played table tennis for more than 20 years and is one of the driving forces behind Wisner table tennis. Among the hundreds of people he has introduced to the sport is his son, Todd.

Todd Petersen is one of the best table tennis players in the United States. He became the Nebraska State Table Tennis Champ at age 13 and held the title for 17 years before moving out of state.

Heermann, 56, is the youngest and quietest member of the Gang of Four and is the kind of guy that would try to keep you from getting into a fight. The Pilger-area grain and soybean farmer introduced the sport of table tennis to several of his children, including his son, Wayne, who is a regular feature at the Wisner City Auditorium on Wednesday nights.

It's 8 p.m., and John O'Neal has arrived. Shorter than the rest, O'Neal, 61, is the kind of guy you would want to have around after a fight. He learned to play table tennis while in medical school. The Clarkson doctor takes this game seriously, evident by the table tennis "robot" in his basement.

"How you guys doin'?" says Don Ehrisman, the last member



The Wisner Table Tennis Gang of Four: Don Ehrisman (left), John O'Neal, and two other men play themselves every Wednesday in Wisner, Neb. — the

of the Gang of Four to arrive on this Wednesday night. "Boy, you look like you're hitting the ball pretty good tonight, Leroy. You must have taken lessons from me."

Ehrisman, a 60-year-old Beemer-area dairy farmer, is the kind of guy that gets you into fights. The only male in a graduating class of 17 at Beemer High School, the silver-haired Ehrisman started playing table tennis, Wisner-style, at age 40.

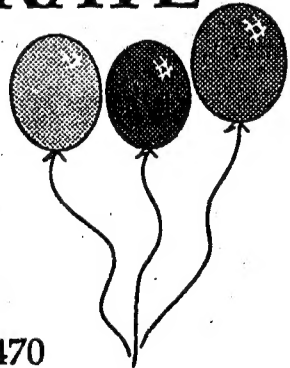
So far tonight, Petersen has defeated Heermann, Ehrisman has beaten O'Neal, and O'Neal has outlasted Petersen, who complains about a sore elbow. The results could be different next week.

It's 11 p.m., with one match left. Doubles competition: Petersen and Ehrisman against O'Neal and Heermann.

"How many points do you want us to spot you?" Petersen says confidently as the teams warm up. O'Neal quickly responds,

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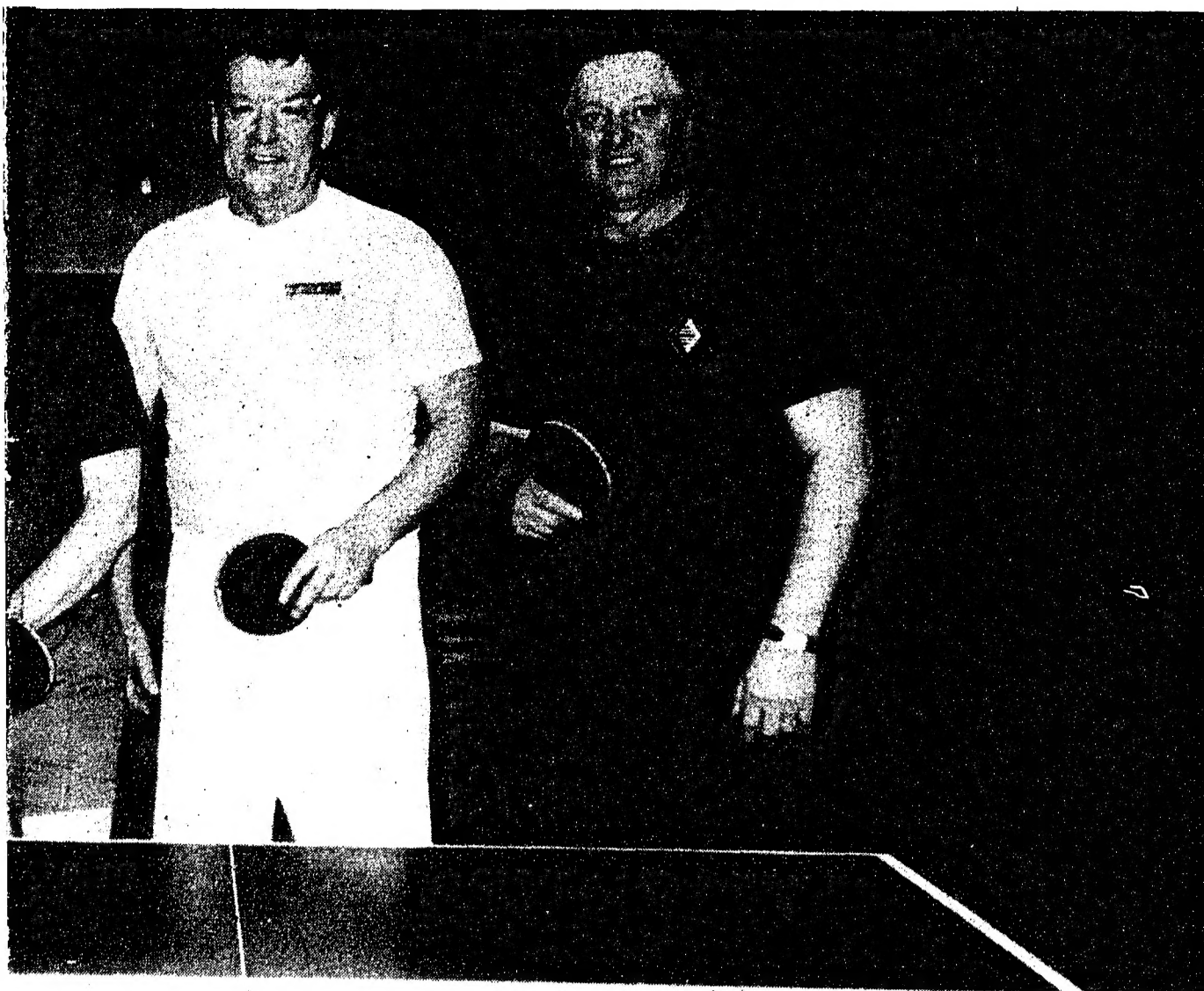
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—KEN WURDEMAN

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"You'd better clean your paddle, Leroy, you're going to need it tonight."

"You forgot to take the cover off of your paddle, John," Ehrisman says.

"I'd better check the height of that net," Petersen says. "When you're as good as I am, you need to make sure everything's official."

O'Neal and Heermann are talking strategy with their backs to the table when Petersen quickly serves the ball and Ehrisman announces, without missing a beat, "1-0."

"Fifteen-13," as Petersen unleashes his best serve, loaded with spin. Ehrisman's backhand is on tonight as he bats the ball smoothly across the table. O'Neal, standing five feet behind the

table in his usual defensive position, is unable to return the ball, which appears only momentarily as a white blur.

Heermann steadily pushes the ball back over the net as the third game moves to 20-17. The expressions are more serious now, but you know they have been in close games before.

This match ends when Petersen's serve sails too far and lands harmlessly off the other end of the table.

(Ping. Pong. Ping. Pong.)

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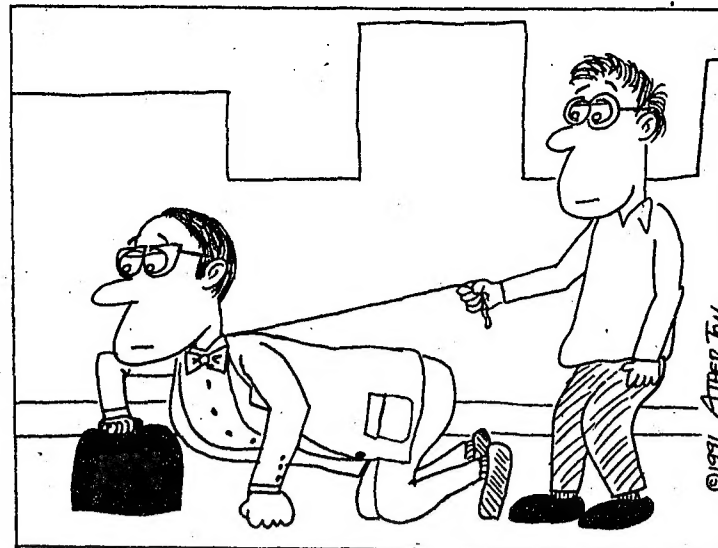
I was almost surprised to see coverage in the March 12 *Shinway* on the Youth for Peace rally which was held way back in February. Don't you think you could have covered it the Tuesday after it happened? I didn't read your March 12 article, as I well know, many people involved in the movement across the country have clamored against social injustice, war or not. You just haven't noticed or bothered to look.

Perhaps my brush with surprise was unwar-

ranted as your lack of timely coverage is quite consistent with your spineless sense of "journalism." Certainly, if you seek employment in Omaha you can join the editing staff of the middle-class-white-trash mentality of the (Omaha) *World-Herald*.

Roger Ramirez  
UNO Student

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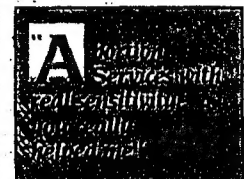
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# Opinion

## UNO is not a hungry monster

TOMBOLIG

In the early '80s, UNO expanded. The university declared eminent domain and purchased 12 houses in what is now the west end of campus.

Obviously, UNO's needs clashed with the needs of the families in those 12 houses that had to relocate.

In the early '80s, UNO needed more room for parking and office space. Imagine how bad the parking situation would be if there was nowhere to park west of the Durham Science Center. Imagine a campus without the Child Care Center.

These are just two of the needs answered by the early '80s land acquisition.

But at the same time, there are probably some families that like to imagine life in their old homes.

What's done is done. But on March 11, members of the Dundee-Memorial Park Neighborhood Association raised concerns that their neighbor, UNO, may soon claim more land.

At the meeting, one person called UNO "a hungry monster that is never filled."

It's understandable for someone living near a fast-growing campus to feel concerned about the future. However, the neighborhood association has no reason to fear the "hungry monster."

In UNO's 20-year master plan, the greatest acquisition is south of campus where Shakespeare on the Green is performed.

This empty land was supposed to act as a buffer between UNO and the neighborhood. Today, it only acts as a buffer between UNO and Elmwood Park.

There may be legal problems in acquiring this land, since it is city property. But from an ethical standpoint, UNO should be allowed to take it.

Members of the neighborhood association have nothing to worry about. No one would be forced to sell their homes.

If UNO were to acquire this land, the only relocating would be done by families of bunnies and squirrels.



## A different O'pinion about St. Patrick's Day

Well, the day has come and gone and not much has changed. Of course, I'm speaking of (or should I say "speaking O'") St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick was a man who converted Ireland to Christianity, drank himself under the table, and died, all on March 17.

And that is what we celebrate. By drinking ourselves into a coma. With, O' all things, GREEN beer.

I had the privilege (?) O' attending a St. Patty's Day party Saturday at a frat house at the University O' Nebraska-Lincoln. I cannot name the fraternity because the Lincoln police could get wind O' this column, but I will give you a hint. The fraternity's name contains the Greek letters Theta and Chi. (Not necessarily in that order.)

There were people wearing green. There was green beer. Therefore, by the transitive property, there were green people thanks to the green beer.

And what would a St. Patrick's Day party be without people drinking enough green beer to get really sick and puke green vomit all over someone's green shoes?

O' course, I didn't partake O' any O' this green beer, since I am underage. This column is (heh, heh) purely speculation.

Now consider the age-old tradition O' wearing green on St. Patrick's Day. A clever idea, when you think about it. What's the worst thing that can happen to you if you don't wear green?

That's right. A member O' the opposite sex could call you on your mistake, which could lead to green body paints later on that evening. Not such a bad punishment in my book.

Some people go so far as to paint their faces green, go to the local bars and make total Irish fools O' themselves.

St. Patrick's Day also conveniently falls within the National

### Dave Dufek Columnist



Basketball Association (NBA) season. Therefore, an ideal celebrant O' the green would wake up at 1 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day (with a hangover from escapades the previous evening), eat a bowl O' Lucky Charms with green milk and watch the Boston Celtics play the Milwaukee Bucks on television.

St. Patrick's Day is, O' course, a legal holiday in Ireland. The Irish people celebrated by writing all O' their anti-British protest signs in green, and the Irish Republican Army targeted only green British cars and green British buildings for their terrorist bombings, done with green grenades while dressed in green military fatigues.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS FLASH: Irish singer Sinead O'Connor, tired O' people speaking O' Herhead, painted it green in protest O' Thehumanrace. She also announced she will release a new album, titled I Did Not Get What I Did Not Want and embark on a world tour — The Sinead O'Connor O'Tour ... O'boy.

Back in the states, people organized parades IN PUBLIC, if you can believe that. These people were dressed as leprechauns, or what Omaha police think MAY HAVE BEEN leprechauns, in a rare sighting O' the little creatures.

Shockingly, most O' the "Irish" people who participated in the holiday's events were not Irish at all, but rather people

pretending to be Irish because they weren't sure O' their real heritage.

Few incidents O' violence in Omaha were related to the holiday. Two squad cars were called to an Omaha bar after an incident in which a man involved in a brawl with a leprechaun had his left knee bitten off.

Police said the leprechaun fled the establishment after the assault, murmuring something about "height envy."

"Luck O' the Irish" is another term used on St. Patrick's Day by people who assume the Irish people are lucky.

These people fail to remember that Murphy is an Irish name. Therefore, how can "Luck O' the Irish" be explained if there's "Murphy's Law?"

Besides, think about the "Luck O' the Irish" when you returned from your St. Patrick's Day revelry. After five green beers, two Irish coffees and a shot O' Irish whiskey, see how lucky you feel.

Another interesting Irish note — in 1842, several prominent Irish men moved to Indiana and changed the name O' the Dublin Community College Lucky Irish to the Notre Dame Fightin' Irish. And, if that weren't enough, they demanded a obligatory "dammit" followed that name.

WRONG: "Coaches say this season's recruiting is good for the Notre Dame Fightin' Irish."

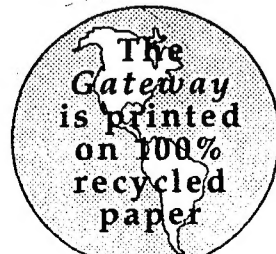
RIGHT: "Coaches say this season's recruiting is good for the Notre Dame Fightin' Irish, dammit."

But, if nothing else came O' the holiday, my black Reeboks are now green, thanks to someone's green puke.

Luck O' the Irish to you — although I'm not quite sure what that means anymore.

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## Regents Briefs

### Lincoln puts cuts in terms of students

James McShane, faculty president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), detailed what the proposed budget shortfall will cost UNL.

At Saturday's University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting, he said each \$1 million in cuts translates into "200 sections of temporary instruction. That is 1,000 students in each three-hour course and 3,000 credit hours."

McShane added, "That is 250 full-time equivalent students that rolls in tuition, fees and housing."

He went on to say UNL's law school lost 27 percent of its buying power in the 1980s.

"There is not fat in that budget to cut out."

### Regents discuss English-fluency bill

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) administrator said some college students may have trouble understanding foreign professors.

Stan Liberty, an interim vice chancellor at UNL, made his comments during a discussion on Legislative Bill 214 at the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting Saturday.

The bill proposes mandatory English fluency tests for instructors of postsecondary public institutions of higher education.

Liberty said part of the problem between foreign faculty members and students is many college students have never been exposed to a person with an accent.

He said it makes some students feel anxious about being in a class taught by a foreign-born person. He added many students overcome the accent problem and do well in classes.

According to Liberty, UNL created an Institute for Institutional Teaching Assistants three years ago.

The instruction at the Institute involves 90 hours of spoken training and culture training to foreign teaching assistants.

"It makes international teaching assistants aware of cultural diversity," he said.

Regent Nancy Hoch said she believes the English fluency issue needs to be checked into. According to Hoch, she and other regents have been getting complaints about it for six years.

Liberty said some of the complaints have racial undertones, which can never be avoided.

### Valgora: I'll be thinking about you

UNO student president/regent Chuck Valgora, during the student regent reports, announced he was taking his spring break to go to the South Padre Islands.

Valgora said he would be thinking of everyone during his trip.

Earlier in the meeting he presented a resolu-

tion for the regents to congratulate the UNO men's wrestling team, which won the NCAA Division II championship earlier this month.

The resolution passed unanimously.

### Gosch introduces his replacement

Phil Gosch, the student president/regent at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, introduced Andy Massey as the new student president/regent.

Earlier, the regents presented a resolution to publicly recognize the efforts Gosch has made as a student regent.

The resolution passed 10-0-1, Gosch abstained.

### Adding a new face and a new seat

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted to allow a student regent from Kearney to sit on the board once Kearney enters the university system in July.

Phil Gosch, the student president/regent from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said "the constitution makes no stipulation for a university to be added to the system."

Bob Caldwell will be the first student president/regent from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

## UNO stops new hiring

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'80s."

During that time period, UNO faced budget cuts resulting in a loss of faculty members.

Weber said UNO had to find a way to save money. "We can't wait until July 1."

The freeze may hurt the quality of teaching, Weber said.

"It means some of the classes will be filled with part-time people," Weber said. "We will not hire new people for next fall."

UNO Faculty Senate President John Shroder told the regents during its meeting Saturday, "The faculty are a bit dismayed. We're going backwards to go forward."

He said UNO has always been a lean campus with "no fat to cut."

Shroder sees a big problem for some departments at UNO. "I already know of a number of good faculty who are looking to escape the difficult situation. When a hiring freeze takes place, it means we are not going to replace faculty who leave."

"It's going to leave a lot of students high and dry."

Regent Nancy O'Brien said she thinks the process of issuing a hiring freeze has already begun at the other campuses in the NU system.

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for Educational and Student Services, said few exceptions to the freeze will be made and any exceptions will be looked at very closely by Weber.

According to Hoover, the freeze is a precaution for the university. He said it keeps the university from hiring people now and then having to lay them off when the final budget is determined by the Legislature.

## New helmet rules possible at UNO

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UNO currently has seven Cushmans.

Veiga also pointed out the helmets they are required to wear in the Cushmans are more of a detriment to performing a job than they are useful.

"When one wears the helmet, the window opening is too small to stick your head out to look behind you," he said.

Veiga said without the helmet, the vehicle operators can not only move more freely to perform their tasks but is also an added comfort in the summer and winter.

Since the Cushmans are not equipped with air conditioning and the helmets do not allow for ventilation, Veiga said the helmets become hot and uncomfortable when in warm weather.

Veiga said he hopes an amendment to the bill will be passed allowing his Cushman drivers to be helmet-free.

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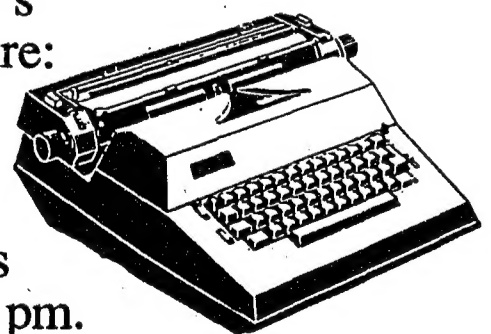
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# Teaching 'revolution' called for at conference

By KIM COLEMAN

Reform experts discussed the need for educational reform during the National Education Association (NEA) Higher Education Conference.

NEA President Keith Geiger opened the three-day Boston conference March 1 by asking colleges and universities to become fully involved in the reform movement.

"Today, higher education institutions have the greatest challenge in education history," Geiger said.

Programs must be developed to help teachers, parents and students reach the educational goals set last year by President Bush and the nation's governors, he said.

The following educational goals were proposed by the president to be met by the year 2000:

- Ensuring all school-age children will be ready to learn by the time they enter kindergarten. This may be accomplished through pre-school readiness programs.

- Reducing the drop-out rate, so that 90 percent of all U.S. high school students graduate. Currently, about 70 percent

graduate.

- Teaching students to appreciate and achieve active citizenship roles within their communities.

- Making each school drug-free and violence-free with a healthy and safe climate available for learning.

- Providing funding for mathematics and science programs — an area which Americans have lagged behind in recent global technology.

- Producing students who are skilled and able to compete globally.

Judith Lanier, dean of education at Michigan State University, expressed a need for a "revolution" in American teaching methods. She said separate professional schools are needed to educate tomorrow's teachers.

Lanier also suggested that more research and development is needed in the education field. Business and industry are way ahead of education, she said, because the volume of research is much greater.

Barry Bluestone, University of Massachusetts professor of political science and economics, said America needs to become

a globally competitive society.

Bluestone said more government money should be available to students seeking higher education. Bluestone proposed a new postsecondary national trust fund which he calls "the new GI Bill."

The dollar amounts and specific criteria for recipients of the fund remain undefined at this time. But Bluestone wants every higher education student to have access to the proposed fund.

The NEA and the American Association of University Professors adopted a new policy statement at the conference. This statement commits higher education to the organization of mentor programs.

According to NEA media specialist Carolyn A. Wallace, this program would provide mentors primarily for minority students who want an experienced role model in business, education, industry or the like.

A mentor would be available for kindergarten students as well as graduate students, with professors and professionals sharing experience at the post-graduate level.

## UNO must be ready to 'react' to NU budget

By MARGARET VACA OLDHAM

With the University of Nebraska system budget cuts looming on the horizon, the tone of last Thursday's UNO general faculty meeting was somber.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber told faculty members the university faces tough times ahead, said the university is tough enough to weather the storm.

"I don't want to kid you about this. I think we're faced with a tough decade, and I don't simply mean UNO, I mean higher education in general," Weber said.

Weber referred to preliminary recommendations made by the Legislature Appropriations Committee, proposing reductions to the 1991-1993 NU biannual budget request.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents originally asked for a 13 percent funding increase for 1991-92 and a 12.1 percent increase for 1992-93.

Gov. Ben Nelson reviewed the budget and recommended a 1.9 percent increase for the first fiscal year and a 5.6 percent increase the next year.

The appropriations committee suggested increases of 0.8 percent for 1991-92 and 5.8 percent for 1992-93, the committee

will make its final recommendation to the Legislature sometime this spring.

"It's not going to be an easy decade and I think we need to be very realistic about that," Weber said.

He told the faculty that reduced funding for higher education appears to be a nationwide pattern.

"We're not in this alone. It's being faced by institutions across this country," Weber said.

"What we're today experiencing was experienced by other states on the East and West Coasts two to three years ago," he said.

Weber said he believes trends within business and industry towards doing more with less are starting to impact other areas, such as higher education.

"That's something we've not lived with, but I think it's something that's out there in a very real way," Weber said.

Weber said he believes Nebraska's budget squeeze stems from several developments: shortfalls in anticipated Nebraska

tax receipts, channeling of formerly reserved state funds into local subdivisions, and resistance to higher property taxes.

Weber said, "This is difficult news to have, and yet as an institution, we've gone through this kind of thing before and survived. By all indications we have, this is a very lean institution."

According to Weber, figures indicate UNO ranks 266th out of 317 comprehensive institutions in the United States in terms of how much money it gets from the state per student.

He said studies reveal only seven states in the United States have lower salary averages than Nebraska for professors of higher education. Weber said the states are Montana, North and South Dakota, West Virginia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Weber told the faculty there is no need to be totally pessimistic about the preliminary recommendations because it is early in the process. However, he said UNO is not going to take a wait and see approach.

"We must begin our planning process now. We've got to get ourselves into a position where we can react."

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- Del Weber

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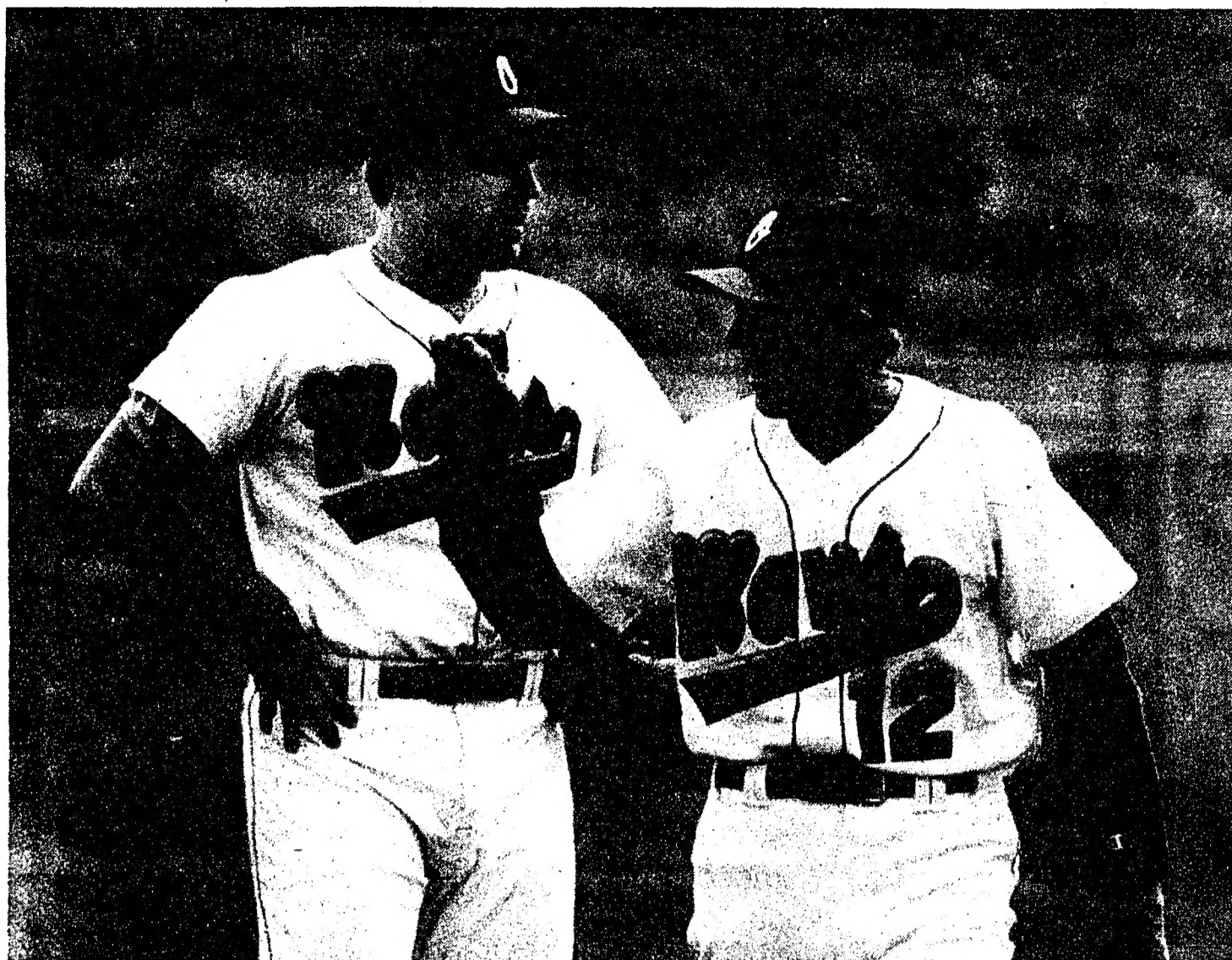
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Pitcher Rich Spici and Coach Bob Gates during a game last season. Of this season's 0-4 start, Gates said, "We're not as good a team now as we can be. We're a young team and are a little behind." UNO will host Nebraska Wesleyan on Thursday at College World Series Park.

## Mavs not down after winless start

By MARK GREGORY

The 1991 UNO baseball season didn't start exactly the way Coach Bob Gates had hoped it would.

In the first two weeks of the campaign, the Mavs have been rained out three times, snowed out twice, and are still looking for their first victory of the season.

At 0-4, UNO's opening included a home doubleheader loss to the University of Northern Colorado and a road loss at Wayne State by combined scores of 43-11.

"We're not really pleased with the start," Gates said. "We're not as good a team now as we can be. We're a young team and are a little behind."

It's been a slow start for us. We really should have won the first game of the year, but defensively we let it get away," he said. "I think we need to get more practice and keep working."

UNO's opener, originally scheduled for March 2 against Peru State, was rained out. The makeup game last Tuesday was also rained out.

Unpredictable March weather was also the

reason UNO's doubleheaders were cancelled this weekend. Scheduled home contests against Midland College Saturday and Doane College Sunday were cancelled due to snow.

"That can happen in March," Gates said. "Our last two games were cancelled because of cold weather and wet grounds. In March you play them when you can."

Gates, now in his 15th year as a Maverick coach, said the '91 squad doesn't boast any star players. It prides itself on playing as a team.

"We don't really look to any one player on this team. It's really a matter of playing as a whole," Gates said. "We feel we're an improved club. We've got the best pitching staff in five years. They're a bunch of hard-nosed kids."

UNO's pitching staff is dominated by freshmen. The Mavericks return seven letter-winners among the 27-member squad, however, there are no lettermen among the 12-member pitching staff.

Eight of the 12 UNO hurlers are freshmen. The remaining staff includes one sophomore, two juniors and one senior.

Jim Burzinski, the lone Mav senior, is one of

three UNO pitchers who played on the Maverick football team in 1990. Junior Paul Cech and Rory Whaley, a freshman, also played on the 1990 UNO football team.

"We have two pitchers on the team that played quarterback on the football team," Gates said. "It's nice to get those kinds of players. They can help out and contribute."

Gates said the lack of hitting and getting men on base hurt them in their first four games, and without strong hitting, it's hard to win games.

"We did a pretty good job in the first game, but in the losses to Wayne State, we didn't hit the ball well like we needed to. We'll just have to keep working on it as the season goes," Gates said.

Despite their disappointing beginning, defense is expected to be a strong part of the Mavs' game, Gates said.

"We should be strong in the field, and we'll have some depth," Gates said.

Gates said he expects the '91 Mavs to pull themselves together. Adding that it's early in the season, Gates said, in time, the team will show what it can do.

Sarah Smock  
Sports columnist



## Whiners in sports?

This was one of those pre-spring Nebraska weekends that I have come to dread.

For those of you who have already forgotten, it rained, and it even snowed on Friday night. I realize that it is still winter, but I just seem to have it in my head that spring should start on March 11, instead of the March 21. Why? The 11th is my birthday—and naturally, I think the sun should follow me everywhere.

Luckily, there was NCAA-tournament basketball on television, which kept me occupied and out of the weather I hate so much.

Before I get down to the real reason of this column (if you can call it that), I'd like to say that (unfortunately) I'm going to have to agree with part of what Pat Runge wrote in his column last Friday — the University of Nevada-Las Vegas is going to win the NCAA championship once again.

However, I disagree with his comments about Danny Nee's ties. Any guy who steps outside the diamonds-and-stripes variety earns my respect.

So, anyway, while I was in the warmth of my living room watching basketball and keeping track of my picks (no gambling, though, so don't bother calling the men in blue), baseball games were being cancelled because of the weather.

I just can't figure it out. I've seen football games where I couldn't distinguish one team from the other because of the amount of mud caked on their uniforms. I admire people who can put up with this type of inclement weather, let alone play an important game in it.

I guess this might be another reason why I just can't seem to admire baseball players a whole hell of a lot. They seem to be about the wimpiest lot in the entire sporting world. All it takes is a little bit of rain and they're ready to call things off.

The cancellation of baseball games due to inclement weather may be no reflection on the players themselves, but then again, maybe it is. They display other types of wimpiness all the time.

Take Rickey Henderson, for example. This guy has been whining because he only makes \$3 million a year. Personally, I don't see that he has anything to complain about. If I made \$3 million a year doing anything — and especially something I supposedly enjoyed — I'd be thrilled.

And then we have people like Jose Canseco. He whines about the media. He claims he is being treated unfairly. Well, maybe if he could keep his driving and his personal life under control, there wouldn't be so much for the media to comment on outside his career.

Wade Boggs also didn't appreciate the media paying so much attention to his personal life, but when a guy cheats on his wife, someone needs to be watching what he's doing.

Maybe I shouldn't complain too much about the jerks and whiners who can be found in the world of baseball. These three guys are fantastic baseball players, and they deserve credit for that.

Rickey Henderson is the most dangerous player in the major leagues. He can hit consistently, and his speed is unrivaled.

Jose Canseco hit the ball to the top of the Toronto Skydome. I don't think it's necessary to say anything more about him.

Wade Boggs is up for the American League batting championship every year. And he's also the best third baseman in the major leagues.

Maybe whining only works in baseball, though. At least it never worked for me in sports. I whined a lot, and I was never good.

I guess we all just have to go with what works best for us. If whining makes these guys the great players they are, I hope they keep it up.

## Walk to help fund women's athletics

By MARK GREGORY

With spring right around the corner, it's just about time for another Diet Pepsi Women's Walk for athletics.

The sixth-annual event, open only to women, is the primary fundraiser for the UNO women's athletic department. The event raises money for scholarships and team travel for UNO's female student-athletes.

The Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. donates \$15,000 to sponsor the walk.

More than 1,000 women will take part in the one-half hour walk April 20 at Al Caniglia Field, UNO Women's Athletic Director

Connie Claussen said.

In five years, more than \$280,000 has been raised, enough for more than 120 scholarships. Last year, about \$80,000 was raised.

"We're hoping to raise \$80-\$85,000 again this year," Claussen said.

The Women's Walk is a team concept, Claussen said. Team captains are selected and as many women as possible are recruited to walk for the team. Each member of the team receives pledge donations.

"Right now we have about 90 teams," Claussen said. "That's about the same number as last year."

"Of the 90 teams, only seven are UNO

student teams. The rest are made up of faculty women, faculty wives and community and business organizations," Claussen said.

The average walk takes about 30 minutes and covers about two miles, or six to eight laps around the quarter-mile track.

Pledge donations can be received two ways. Walkers may ask for a flat fee, or ask donors to pledge an amount per lap. The UNO athletic department is asking each participant to raise a minimum of \$25.

Also, this year there will be a videotaping of all participants shouting "Good Morning, America" for a 10-second segment to appear on ABC's morning show of the same name.